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NEW-LONDON

Year Ending March 1, 1870

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OF THE

TOWN OF NEW-LONDON,

FOR THE

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Ministerial Department.

Paid Micajah Morgan, for Baptist Society,	\$72.00
Asa Ray, for Christian Society,	7.40
	\$79.40

Common School Department.

Paid Hiram Baker,	Dist. No. 1,	86.82
Albert S. Worthen,	" 2,	100.83
William S. Messer,	" 3,	316.15
Leonard Gould,	" 4,	143.23
Horace B. Andrews,	" 5,	125.40
Job C. Cross,	" 6,	73.98
Joseph C. Adams,	" 7,	70.40
		\$916.81

Town Debts.

Paid Martha T. Greenwood, amount of note,	\$646.76
John Brown's Estate,	" 808.54
" "	" 278.27
Hezekiah Messer,	" 70.92
Enoch C. Adams,	" 141.18
Mary H. Messer,	" 129.45
Enoch C. Adams,	" 118.02
Samuel J. Philbrick,	" 138.23
George Wiley,	" 204.00
Sally Currier,	" 407.32
Sarah Fulton,	" 876.78
Mary Jewett,	" 139.37
"	" 84.70

Paid Sarah Currier,	amount of note,	131.80
Sarah Brown's estate,	"	432.48
George M. Knight,	"	678.83
Mary E. Adams,	"	56.00
Albert Little,	"	283.70
Obadiah Morgan,	"	320.33
"	"	125.12
John M. Dow,	"	248.23
Cyrus Adams,	"	431.12
Mary C. George,	"	240.52
Luther McCutchins,	"	151.76
Eliphalet Gay,	"	129.96
Charles Jewett,	"	137.43
Mary C. George, indorsed on note,		1,500.00
Stephen Whittier,	"	58.79
John Trussell,	"	33.18
		\$9,002.79

Town Charges, 1869.

Paid George M. Knight, Auditor,	3.00
McFarland & Jenks, for reports,	32.00
B. W. Sanborn, for stationery,	4.35
"	1.25
Prof. A. W. Sawyer, School Committee,	22.50
Henry Davis, services on town farm,	225.00
B. W. Sanborn, for town record,	1.50
County tax, 1869,	871.90
State tax, 1869,	2,028.00
S. D. Greeley, for insurance,	8.45
B. W. Gay, public water and work,	5.45
H. Marshall Fales, grave-yard fence,	168.67
S. M. Whipple, for Dr. Powell,	44.32
Town of Warner, for Ross family,	17.67
Charles Fowler, damage on road,	14.30
James H. Brown, on Town Hall,	4.75
Marcus E. Sargent, Town Clerk,	10.00
Daniel Bickford, digging graves,	23.50
Charles S. Whitney, damage to ox,	25.00
Nathaniel C. Todd, 2d, School Committee,	30.00

Paid B. W. Gay, for sheep killed,	6.00
Asa N. Todd, "	12.00
Daniel M. Annis, Collector,	75.00
H. Marshall Fales, Selectman,	32.00
Hiram Sargent, "	37.82
Luther McCutchins, "	86.00
Balance due on bond, 1869,	376.88

\$4,167.31

Roads and Bridges, 1869.

Paid Addison Parker, for breaking out roads,	20.00
Samuel Bagley, "	15.47
Horace Clark, "	19.50
Nathaniel Knowlton, "	20.00
J. W. Buswell, "	14.50
Jonathan G. Everett, "	23.60
Leonard P. Gould, "	37.65
Edmund Davis, "	13.60
Charles Crockett, "	42.35
George M. Knight, "	8.25
William A. Messer, "	23.40
Ausborn French, "	16.50
Harrison Williams, "	11.20
Newton Manahan, "	23.60
Walter E. Pingree, "	13.90
Nathan D. Pingree, "	10.00
James M. Jewett, "	30.10
Albert S. Worthen, "	21.50
James Todd, repairing road,	5.00
Ausborn French, "	7.20
Job C. Cross, breaking out road,	4.60
James Morgan, "	39.47
Charles S. Whitney, "	7.84
Barnabas Whipple, "	10.64
David Smith, work on road,	3.00
Luther McCutchins, cash and work,	8.50
Henry R. Gates, work on road,	5.00

\$456.37

Pauper Bills.

Paid Dr. Clark,	7.75
Adaline Everett, bill, 1868,	100.00
Sherman Davis, bill,	28.00
Elias Davis, for Sherman,	15.00
Sherman Davis, fare to Augusta,	10.00
Dr. Elkins, for Fisk girl,	5.60
Adaline Everett, for 1869,	100.00
	\$266.35

School-House Repairs.

Paid Moses J. Adams, in Dist. No. 2,	\$4.00
Micajah Morgan, " 3,	190.00
Jonathan G. Everett, " 5,	50.00
	\$244.00

Abatement of Taxes.

Hubbard land, 1867,	\$2.02
Michael Murphy, 1869,	2.29
L. A. Gould,	7.00
E. Sargent Putney,	7.00
Town Farm, taxes,	36.68
	\$54.99

The Selectmen credit the Town for the year 1869 as follows :

Received balance in hands of Selectmen, 1868,	\$1,624.12
List of taxes assessed, 1869,	6,792.61
Martha T. Greenwood, borrowed,	1,000.00
John Brown estate, "	1,000.00
Marcus Nelson, "	1,400.00
Charles Jewett, "	125.00
Betsey Perley, "	60.00
Abby Perley, "	35.00
Henry Davis, "	200.00
Eugene O'Neil, "	200.00
Mary Jewett, "	224.00
Marcus Nelson, "	300.00
Arvilla O. Pattee, "	80.00
John Morey, "	200.00
Mary E. Chandler, "	56.00

Received Obadiah, Morgan,	borrowed,	350.00
Betsey Perley,	"	50.00
Abby Perley,	"	20.00
Arvilla O. Pattee,	"	50.00
Obadiah Morgan,	"	100.00
John M. Dow,	"	248.00
Luther McCutchins,	"	351.76
R. Louise Fales,	"	40.00
Sarah J. Sargent,	"	150.00
Charles Jewett,	"	130.00
Savings Bank tax,		141.87
Railroad tax,		483.20
Literary Fund,		43.80
For use of Town Hall,		28.00
Of the Town of Sutton for Hubbard,		5.00
On bonds of 1867 and 1868, in full,		211.53
Balance taken from Town Farm account,		170.49
Jacob Dale, borrowed,		300.00
Whole amount credited,		\$16,170.38
Whole amount charged,		\$15,188.02
Balance in hands of Selectmen,		\$982.36
Indebtedness of March 1, 1870,		\$20,037.59
Means of paying the same,		\$1,600.00
Indebtedness of town,		\$18,437.59

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LUTHER McCUTCHINS, } *Selectmen*
HIRAM SARGENT, } *of*
H. MARSHALL FALES, } *New-London.*

This certifies that we have examined the accounts and books of the Selectmen, and find them carefully cast and duly vouched.

GEORGE M. KNIGHT, } *Auditors.*
JOHN TRUSSELL }

Indebtedness of Town, March 1, 1870. To whom payable.

John Knowlton,	1,000.00
Adam Davis,	200.00
Augusta Davis,	200.00
Manning Seamans,	250.00
Charles Woodward,	160.00
Abiah Clough,	100.00
Albert Little,	300.00
Sarah M. Wilkins,	75.00
Eliphalet Gay,	500.00
Rhoda Brown,	70.00
Ausborn French,	130.00
Mary A. Messer,	160.00
John Trussell,	100.00
Manning Seamans,	500.00
Stephen Whittier,	200.00
Luther McCutchins,	375.00
J. W. Buswell,	100.00
Ann C. Buswell,	50.00
Lorinda Addison,	50.00
Luther McCutchins,	200.00
John Messer,	25.00
Charles Trussell,	200.00
Jane E. Graves,	2,000.00
John Hoit,	300.00
Fanny Hoit,	100.00
Jane E. Graves,	360.00
Charles Goings,	200.00
James M. Jewett,	600.00
Laura Davis,	100.00
Ransome Sargent,	212.00
Laura Davis,	160.00
Nancy Brown,	40.00
Charles Jewett,	250.00
George M. Jewett,	150.00
Colby children,	250.00
Harriet S. Messer,	200.00
Asa B. Pillsbury,	282.00
Margaret Burpee,	28.59
Betsey Perley,	200.00
Ransome Sargent,	238.00

John M. Dow,	280.00
Martha T. Greenwood,	1,000.00
John Brown's estate,	1,000.00
Marcus Nelson,	1,400.00
Charles Jewett,	125.00
Betsey Perley,	60.00
Abby Perley,	35.00
Henry Davis,	200.00
Eugene O. Neil,	200.00
Mary Jewett,	224.00
Marcus Nelson,	300.00
Arvilla Pattee,	80.00
John Morey,	200.00
Mary E. Chandler,	56.00
Obadiah Morgan,	350.00
Betsey Perley,	50.00
Abby Perley,	20.00
Arvilla O. Pattee,	50.00
Obadiah Morgan,	100.00
John M. Dow,	248.00
Luther McCutchins,	351.00
R. Louise Fales,	40.00
Sarah J. Sargent,	150.00
Charles Jewett,	130.00
Jacob Dole,	300.00
Interest on notes,	2,500.00

Schedule of Property on Town Farm, Feb. 21, 1870.

7 tons stable hay,	\$105.00
4½ tons stock hay,	54.00
1 ton fodder,	5.00
1 pair oxen,	175.00
1 cow,	55.00
3 cows,	110.00
1 two-years old,	30.00
3 yearlings,	60.00
2 calves,	25.00
2 shotes,	36.00
9 hens,	4.50
20 bush. corn,	26.00
20 bush. oats,	15.00

12 bush. wheat,	24.00
1½ bush. beans,	3.00
3½ bush. meal,	2.50
3½ bush. India wheat,	3.00
225 bush. potatoes,	60.00
300 lbs. pork,	60.00
100 lbs. hams,	18.00
2 barrels cider,	12.00
36 lbs. cheese,	5.40
50 lbs. beef,	4.00
25 lbs. fresh meat,	2.50
10 lbs. tallow,	1.00
19½ doz. candles,	3.00
35 lbs. lard,	7.00
20 lbs. butter,	7.00
1 gal. boiled cider,	.75
45 lbs. dried apple,	4.75
15 lbs. dried pumpkin,	.50
1 barrel soap,	4.00
2 barrels ashes,	1.25
½ barrel flour,	4.50
1 cart and fixings,	25.00
2 plows,	8.00
Harrow and drag,	3.00
1 beetle and wedges,	1.00
Chains and yokes,	7.00
Wheelbarrow and axes,	2.00
Horse rake and hay tools,	4.00
Augers and cheese-press,	2.00
Wood saws and grind-stone,	3.00
Ox sled and iron bar,	3.00
Manure shovels and forks,	3.00
Cook stove and furniture,	18.00
Sap-pan, buckets and holder,	8.00
Household furniture,	60.00
15 M. shingles and lumber,	40.00

The Town Farm is charged for the year 1869 as follows :

Paid Mr. French, for boiler,	1.10
Mrs. Knowlton, for dried apple,	1.05
Truman Putney, two tubs,	1.00

Paid Truman Putney, phosphate,	2.90
J. L. Loverin, for rennet,	.50
Cloud Goings, work,	1.00
William Russell, plaster,	2.75
Benjamin C. Davis,	1.00
Nathaniel Knowlton, plaster,	.85
Amos Hastings, mending shoes,	.91
Daniel Favour, work on farm,	7.25
Moses Davis, for work,	1.50
J. L. Loverin, for beef,	.15
James Davis, 4½ days haying,	11.25
Cloud Goings,	.20
Mr. Bailey, for threshing,	5.64
B. C. Davis, use of horse, &c.,	1.00
Amos B. Currier, use of mill,	.44
Charles Jewett, work,	.33
Henry Presby, for dried apple,	.96
George Blodgett, for India wheat,	1.00
Bow-pins,	.33
Amos Hastings, mending shoes,	.33
For the Eaton pump,	10.00
Sawing lumber,	2.75
J. L. Loverin, for veal,	1.00
Jona. K. Collins, for cow,	55.00
Daniel Favour, work in haying,	18.32
Samuel Bagley, iron work,	2. 5
Michael Davis, for cow,	56.00
Beldin Morgan,	2.50
John M. Dow, iron work,	7.98
Charles S. Sargent's bill,	3.22
Oliver K. Russell, balance on account,	55.03
Amount paid out,	\$257.86

The Town Farm is credited for the year 1869 as follows :

Received of Moses Davis, for hay,	\$7.00
Nathaniel Knowlton,	6.52
Joseph Greeley, for hide,	5.67
Hiram Baker, one yearling,	22.50
Harrison Fellows, two pigs,	10.00
Nathaniel Knowlton, for work,	2.00

L. A. Gould, for potatoes,	34.68
Luther McCutchins, cash,	27.00
Henry R. Gates, for beef,	18.56
Frances P. Messer, difference on oxen,	35.00
Daniel Bean, for three cattle,	135.00
J. L. Loverin, for cow,	60.00
J. L. Loverin, for calf,	7.00
Luther McCutchins, for pig,	5.00
Nathaniel Knowlton, for use of sap trees,	4.00
Greenwood & Burpee, balance on acc't,	48.42

Amount received,	\$428.35
Amount paid out,	\$257.86

Balance in favor of Town Farm, and carried to credit of Town,	\$170.49
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LUTHER McCUTCHINS, } *Selectmen*
HIRAM SARGENT, } *of*
H. MARSHALL FALES, } *New-London.*

March, 1869.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1870.

Many of the schools during the year have been profitably conducted. Good order has been maintained, with some exceptions. The National Series of Readers and Guyot's Geography have been adopted the past year as text-books. We believe it the duty of the Committee to know there is in use in our public schools the best system of text-books, but believe many teachers are too closely confined to them. They often sit in undisturbed complacency with the book open before them, asking questions, and do not question their pupils with only what belongs to the book. Pupils often suffer from this slavish confinement to the letter of a book, and lose confidence in their teacher and interest in their studies. The vivacity and animation of a lesson is gone when the teacher is afraid to reason any farther than the text-book explains. The great defect in the instruction of some of our schools is the want of thoroughness. This is owing partly to the idea that a pupil's progress in his studies is to be measured by the amount gone over, and not by his understanding of the subject. Without thoroughness, there can be no discipline of the mind.

The school houses in most of the districts are in a very comfortable condition. The one in district No. 6 needs to be enlarged and repaired.

Parents should often visit their schools. This would have a tendency to encourage the teacher and incite the scholars to greater diligence. They would feel that they were cared for and looked after. We are gratified to say that this has been practiced to some extent by the citizens of some of the districts the past year.

District No. 1.—The summer term was taught by Miss B. J. Baker, who proved herself an efficient teacher. The habits of study of the scholars were good and their deportment commendable.

Mr. R. E. Walker took charge of the winter term. This was Mr. Walker's first experience in teaching. He labored to promote the interest of the school. If there had been a stronger spirit of energy manifested, and the scholars could have been taught the art of discipline, it would have been an improvement.

District No. 2.—The school during the summer term was taught by Miss Mary E. Trow. At the commencement of the term the school appeared well; but the committee, not being informed of the time of its close, consequently can not report the progress made.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Joseph H. Trow. Mr. T. is an energetic teacher. He has the faculty of imparting his own ideas to his scholars in a clear, lucid manner. The examination showed there had been good progress made. Some in the district complained of the lack in government.

District No. 3.—The summer term was efficiently managed by Miss A. O. Pattee. General satisfaction was given under her instruction. The winter term was conducted by Mr. M. J. Martin, who determined to do well, and in some respects it was a profitable school. Many of the scholars made good progress; but if the teacher could have had more power of government, and taught the scholars to know that he was master, and not they, it would have added much to the credit of the school.

District No. 4.—Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Abbie F. Gay with her former success. Miss G. has the ability of gaining the approbation of her young scholars. The classes in reading and arithmetic made decided progress.

District No. 5.—The summer term was under the supervision of Miss Abbie M. Todd, one of our first class teachers. But the school was not as profitable as was desired by herself and the Committee. It is impossible for any teacher to be successful unless there is an interest manifested by parents and scholars. The winter term was taught by Miss Emma Collins. During the examination at the close of the school the scholars exhibited a disposition to be quite disorderly. However, it is believed that the teacher labored hard and did all she could for her pupils.

District No. 6.—This is one of our best schools. It has been conducted the past year by two competent and experienced teachers. The summer session was under the care of Miss Dianthy Abbott. She taught a good school. Her explanations were clear and accurate, and secured good order and systematic training in her classes. The winter term was short; taught by Miss Adelaide E. Burpee. She was perfectly successful, and the school at its examination appeared admirably. The class in Guyot's Geography deserves special mention.

District No. 7.—The summer and winter terms were taught by Miss A. O. Pattee. Her school appeared well. The advancement made was satisfactory; and Miss Pattee proves to be a faithful and successful teacher.

Subjoined is a statistical table, compiled from teachers' reports.

N. C. TODD,

Superintending School Committee.

New-London, March, 1870.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of district.	Term.	Length of School in weeks	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages of male teachers a month, including board.	Wages of Female teachers a month, including board.	No. in Dist. b't'n 4 & 14 years, not attending school.
1	First	10	13	12		\$12.00	5
	Second	10	21	17	\$28.00		4
2	First	9	20	13		20.00	7
	Second	11	27	21	33.00		7
3	First	15	37	29		24.00	
	Second	12	33	25	42.00		
4	First	10	18	12		16.00	
	Second	12	20	16		22.00	4
5	First	11	21	17		20.00	4
	Second						
6	First	7	17	16		18.00	
	Second	7½	23	20		20.00	
7	First	6	15	12		24.00	
	Second	13	16	14		24.00	

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